

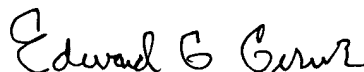
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REMARKS

The allowable nature of claims 8, 9, 19, and 20 is acknowledged. As a result, claims 8 and 19 have been rewritten to overcome the rejection based on 35. U.S.C. § 112, and claim 8 has been written in independent form. Therefore, claims 8 and 19, and claims 9 and 20 depending therefrom, respectively, are in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the foregoing in more detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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